When is a pastor a good pastor?

"…If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.." (**John 14:23**)

When is a pastor a good pastor? It is when he arrives at the place Paul spoke about to young Timothy, not being ashamed of that which Christ taught. One thing I don't intend to be is a "nice old preacher," because I am not a nice old preacher. I resent more and more the religious idiocy of this age. My intention is to SEPARATE men. People come and people go, and to some degree I am at peace about the "goers." If I could cause "fence-straddlers" to be totally uncomfortable, then that is good.

I took stock of my assets again, and I came up with the same amount. No money, no prestige, no standing in society, no friends in religion, not even a piece of ground to call my own. I am a blessed man in the fact that nobody can take anything away from the one who has nothing.

This is not mullygrub [this is not cause for any sadness]! I do see "some" who are not ashamed to confess that when they were blind Christ was revealed to them. They are not ashamed to confess that without the Holy Spirit the Bible is a closed book. These are not ashamed to confess readily, that they are nothing, have nothing, know nothing, are totally bankrupt and poverty stricken, and that Jesus Christ is all in all. The best part is that God has put me with them as their pastor. Ashamed? Oh, no! Proud to declare unto them *"the testimony of our Lord."* Many preachers are *"ashamed of the testimony of our Lord,"* for their people are. Not this bunch, brother! They always hunger for more of the holy, sovereign Redeemer. May the Lord raise up more "good" pastors. He must do it, for it is not "natural." The "natural" preacher is ashamed of what our Lord Jesus said. [John 14:23-24, AMEN!] – **Jack Shanks**

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"…God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:6-7)

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Reader, if you ever find yourself in a so called place of worship, and the person behind the pulpit goes on about the Holy Spirit telling him this, or the Holy Spirit telling him that, and the content of his message is not Christ crucified, don't just walk out of there, run! For whatever spirit that is, it is most certainly not the Holy Spirit. Read John chapter 15:26, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, testifies of Christ.

WELCOME

Sinners are welcome at our church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it – you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost.

We are situated 1 mile south of the Denny's Restaurant located right by the corner of US Highway 59 and State Highway 242.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our sympathy to Gayle Luman and family on the recent passing of their mother, Georgia Gibbs. Brethren, listen to the words of our dear Lord Jesus Christ: *"Thy brother shall rise again…I AM the resurrection, and the LIFE: he that believeth in ME, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in ME shall never die."* AMEN!

Happy Birthday!
Brian Jennings - July 18th

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GRACE ARTICLES

Follow Me, and I will make you

"And He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (**Matthew 4:19**)

When Christ calls us by His grace, we ought not only to remember what we are, but we ought also to think of what *He can make us*. It is 'Follow Me, and I will make you.' We should repent of what we have been, but rejoice in what we may be. It is not, 'Follow Me, because of what you are already.' It is not, 'Follow Me, because you may make something of yourselves;' but, 'Follow Me, because of what I will make you.' Verily, I might say of each one of us as soon as we are converted, 'It doth not yet appear what we shall be.'

It did not seem a likely thing that lowly fishermen would develop into apostles, that men so handy with the net would be quite as much at home in preaching sermons and in instructing converts. One would have said, 'How can these things be? You cannot make founders of churches out of peasants of Galilee.' That is exactly what Christ did; and when we are brought low in the sight of God, by a sense of our own unworthiness, we may feel encouraged to follow JESUS because of what He can make us. What said the woman of a sorrowful spirit when she lifted up her song? 'He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes.'

We cannot tell what God may make of us in the new creation, since it would have been quite impossible to have foretold what He made of chaos in the old creation. Who could have imagined all the beautiful things that came forth from darkness and disorder by that one [decree], 'Let there be light'? And who can tell what lovely displays of everything that is divinely fair may yet appear in a man's formerly dark life, when God's grace has said to him, 'Let there be light'? O you who see in yourselves at present nothing that is desirable, come you and follow Christ for the sake of what He can make out of you! Do you not hear His sweet voice calling to you, and saying, *"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men"*? – **Charles Spurgeon**